

Minutes

Coventry Fire District

Board of Engineers

District Officers

Planning & Advisory Board

10/5/06

6:30 p.m.

Ch. Warren opened meeting at 6:30 p.m. There were 15 members and taxpayers present.

Ch. Warren spoke of his budget meeting with a group that he named. They will continue to work on the new budget.

A new billing company on rescue call collections will be chosen. It will be the Comstar Co. because of a better rate.

Ch. Warren reported on the following:

3 older rescue vehicles sold to All American Investment Group for \$50,000.

The new rescue vehicle will be financed at about \$85,000. New units are good for four or five years of good service.

There is no longer any Town Ambulance service.

Mr. Frank Hyde questioned Ch. Warren on the sale of one of the sold units.

Ms. J. Leroux reported on the rate increases of the Kent County water and the electric company. The two companies gave no firm answer.

Ch. Warren continued:

A tax increase for the 2007-year is most likely.

Sleeping quarters will be revamped with a new rug at a cost of

\$900.00

The roof leak will be repaired as soon as possible.

The district rental property will be appraised and placed on sale. The Ch. Related on problems with the property repairs, sewers, etc. The tenant is in arrears for about \$5,100. on his rent. Eviction discussed.

Mr. Cianello expressed his thought on issues.

Mr. J. Perry also did the same.

Ch. Warren reported on the following:

Present budget is presently in the red. The payroll is 1st. on the agenda.

Engine 1 is presently out of service, in need of repairs, but there is no money available for repairs.

Necessary expenditures must be made on upkeep, repairs and operational needs.

Ch. Warren will publish all future expenses as paid. He works closely with the District Treasurer and the District Secretary, on ways to save money.

Ms. Joanne Leroux reported that she mailed thirty-five letters for a price on an audit. There were no takers on the \$10,000. appropriation. She contacted the State Office for help on the audit question.

Ch. Warren will have another workshop with his group on the 2007 budget on Monday Oct. 16th.

Mr. Calci expressed on the reasons of the budget freeze at the last annual meeting.

Ch. Warren stated that he would not have any hidden bills.

Ch. Warren was questioned on his meeting with other Fire Chiefs on a

possible merger. Nothing was decided.

Ch. Warren stated that Ms. Murphy, the District Treasurer, would handle all financial work. She has applied for a \$150,000. loan at Centreville Bank.

Chief Warren related on procedures for the election of the Board of Directors as placed on the District Charter.

Ms. Joanne Leroux, the District Secretary will seek auditors for the 2006 budget and have the report on hand.

Merger:

Ch. Warren related it as a Taxpayer subject. He will present it at the annual district meeting in December.

The Chief favors the merger but will not be forceful in trying to join the merger. He will run the department either way.

Ms. Hope Murphy and Ms. Joanne Leroux both spoke of how well out district are compared to others. They pointed out the many advantages we currently have.

Outcome of a merger will be decided at the annual meeting of the district in December.

Ms. Hope Murphy and Ms. Joanne Leroux asked if he wants to be a full time Chief and will he run on the ballot for the position. No decision by Ch. Warren at this time. Mr. Calci, and Mr. Cianello and Mr. Terraciano also discussed the position of Chief.

Mr. Terraciano asked if station repairs would go out to bid, if over a certain amount.

Ch. Warren stated "Yes" they would.

Mr. Hope Murphy made motion for the meeting to adjourn. Chester

**Golomb seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.
by unanimous vote.**

Next meeting will be Monday November 6th, at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

John Golomb,

Clerk